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1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 2002-1021 P	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/EP2003/011857	International filing date (day/month/year) 24 October 2003 (24.10.2003)	Priority date (day/month/year) 24 October 2002 (24.10.2002)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G06K 15/12		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 6 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 24 May 2004 (24.05.2004)	Date of completion of this report 08 February 2005 (08.02.2005)
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
 pages 1-3, 5-15, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages 4, filed with the letter of 28 October 2004 (28.10.2004)
- ☒ the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages 1-15, filed with the letter of 28 October 2004 (28.10.2004)
- ☒ the drawings:
 pages 1/2-2/2, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations**1. Reference is made to the following document:**

D1: US-B-6 215 511

- 2.** Document D1 discloses (see in particular column 15, line 11 to column 16, line 62, figures 4 to 19, and claims 1 to 5) a device and method for producing a charge image on a mounting in an electrophotographic printer, using a character generator 27 with a plurality of light sources 31 arranged in a row. The row of light sources forms an illumination line on the mounting, and the mounting is moved relative to the character generator in a direction running transverse to the illumination line. The light-emission phases of the groups of light sources 31 are timed to start in such a way as to minimise the extent to which the illumination line deviates from a setpoint line. Each group of light sources 31 has its own functional unit 60-68 for controlling the light sources. The light sources in each group are controlled by the functional unit belonging to the respective group.

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3. The subject matter of independent claims 1 and 10 differs from this prior art in that the functional unit of each light source group contains an address decoder and has an address by means of which it is controlled by a central control unit, and also in that it contains its own control unit. The advantage of this is that the timing of the light-emission phase can be kept completely separate from the rate at which the print data is transmitted to the functional units.
4. None of the available prior art documents suggest a method of this kind for controlling the groups of light sources. The subject matter of claims 1 and 10 therefore meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and (3).
5. Claims 2 to 9 and 11 to 15 are dependent on claims 1 and 10 respectively and therefore also meet the PCT requirements in respect of novelty and inventive step.